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R 090950Z MAY 78  
FM AMEMBASSY JAKARTA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8627  
INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK  
AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR  
AMEMBASSY MANILA  
AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ASEAN, ID  
SUBJECT: MINISTER WIDJOJO COMMENTS ON US ATTITUDE TOWARD ASEAN

1. MINISTER OF STATE FOR ECONOMY, FINANCE AND INDUSTRY  
WIDJOJO WAS QUOTED IN LOCAL PRESS MAY 9 AS SAYING THAT IF  
THE US REALLY CONSIDERS ASEAN IMPORTANT IT SHOULD PROVE IT.  
SUCH PROOF CANNOT BE DEMONSTRATED BY "LOANS AND CREDITS"  
BUT WILL DEPEND ON THE US ATTITUDE TOWARDS WIDER ISSUES,  
INCLUDING THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE, COMMODITY PROBLEMS  
AND THE COMMON FUND, AND THE EFFECT ON TIN-PRODUCING  
COUNTRIES OF US RELEASES OF TIN STOCKPILES.

2. IN REMARKS TO THE PRESS FOLLOWING A MEETING WITH PRESI-  
DENT SUHARTO IN WHICH THE RESULTS OF VICE PRESIDENT  
MONDALE'S VISIT WERE DISCUSSED, WIDJOJO ALSO COMMENTED ON  
THE FAVORABLE IRS DECISION REGARDING TAXATION OF US OIL  
COMPANIES AND ADDED THAT THE US WOULD IMPORT LNG FROM  
ACEH'S ARUN FACILITY. HE SAID THE IMPORTS HAD BEEN MADE  
POSSIBLE BY THE US DECISION TO ACCEPT THE PRICE ESCALATOR  
FORMULA SUGGESTED BY THE GOI BUT CONTRASTED THE DRAWN-OUT  
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US NEGOTIATIONS WITH THOSE THE GOI HAD HAD WITH JAPAN,  
WHICH "ACTED QUICKER". WIDJOJO WAS ALSO QUOTED AS SAYING  
THAT THE US WOULD HELP TO FINANCE THE ARUN PROJECT.

3. COMMENTING ON OTHER SUBJECTS, WIDJOJO SAID THE US  
ADMINISTRATIN IS ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN AN EXEMPTION FOR  
INDONESIA FROM THE CONGRESSIONALLY-IMPOSED GSP BAN ON

OPEC BUT SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHEN IT MIGHT BE SUCCESSFUL. HE ALSO VOICED ASEAN'S CONTINUED HOPE THAT THE US WOULD KEEP IN EFFECT ITS TAX DEFERRAL SYSTEM.

4. AMBASSADOR HAS APPOINTMENT WITH WIDJOJO MAY 11 AND WILL DISCUSS THESE AND OTHER MATTERS WITH HIM AT THAT TIME.  
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